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FOREWORD

At the triennial meeting of the General Society held at Boston, May 27, 1857, the committee to examine documents in the custody of the officers of the Society reported:

> The committee are compelled to believe that the Georgia records are wholly lost. The late Judge Berrien of that State, himself entitled to be a member by inheritance, informed one of your committee that he had been making diligent search for a series of years for these records, and had finally come to the conclusion that they were past discovery.

In the absence of these records it has been necessary to fall back upon such other sources as offered themselves in order to gain some idea of its early activities. The *Georgia Gazette* chiefly, and other journals to a lesser extent, have yielded considerable information, and this has been supplemented by manuscripts and other printed material.

Unsatisfactory as the results are, they tend to cast a little light on the early history of the Society. What follows comprises all that the undersigned has encountered to date.

There seems to have been no formal dissolution of the Georgia Society, which apparently died from inanition. The last meeting of which a printed notice was found was held on March 2, 1822, at which time officers were elected. By September 15, 1849, Judge Berrien wrote that he "had not been able to discover among the representatives of the members of the Cincinnati in Georgia, any disposition to revive the Society." (See beyond, page 34.) It is evident from this statement that before this date the Georgia Society must have faded from the picture as an active body.

The list of officers has been brought up to date for convenience of reference.

FRANCIS APTHORP FOSTER.

Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts,
October 30, 1934.

MINUTES of the proceedings of the Georgia State Association of the Cincinnati, from its commencement.

WEDNESDAY, 13th August 1783, A. M.

THE officers of the American army, by agreement met at Capt. Lucas's quarters in Savannah, when General McIntosh read a letter directed to himself, from the Hon. Major General Heath, with its inclosures [*sic*] the institution of the Society of the Cincinnati:

The officers of the army present, having maturely considered the plan of their brother officers at the Northward, and the principles upon which the Society of the Cincinnati is founded, do unanimously approve of it for themselves, in the general, and it is adopted by them; subject nevertheless to such future amendments as may be thought necessary.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, 14th August 1783, A. M.

The officers of the army met according to adjournment, and proceeded to the choice of the officers of the Society, by ballot, for the current ensuing year, agreeable to the institution, when the following Gentlemen were elected, viz. Brigadier General Mc'Intosh, President; Col. Elbert, Vice President; Capt. Milton, Secretary; Lieut. Col. Mc'Intosh, Treasurer; and Major Habersham, Assistant Treasurer.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the Secretary shall take the original institution into his possession, and enter a fair copy thereof in the minutes of the Society, and that he also make out a list of the officers chosen this day for the Society the ensuing year, to be transmitted as soon as may be to the Hon. General Moultrie, or the President of the South Carolina State Association of the Cincinnati.

Adjourned to Monday the 1st of September, next.

MONDAY, 1st. September 1783, A. M.

The members met according to adjournment.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the respective officers do sign the institution, and also sign a bill for one month's pay respectively,

on the Pay-Master General of the army, agreeable thereto, which was done accordingly.

The President produced to the Society, a letter from the Hon. Major General Baron de Steuben, with its enclosures, which being read, Ordered, That the same be recorded and deposited in the archives of the Society.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to draw up rules and regulations for the internal government of the Society, and that the Secretary, Major Habersham, The Revd. Mr. Holmes, Doctor Houston, and Capt. Lieut. Mc'-Intosh, be that committee.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to draw up an address to his Honor the Governor, and that Major Habersham, The Revd. Mr. Holmes, and Doctor Houston be that committee.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, 2d September 1783, A. M.

The members met according to adjournment.

The committee appointed to draw up an address to the Governor, delivered the same to the President, which being read, and after a small alteration, was unanimously approved of.

Ordered, That a committee do wait upon his Honor the Governor, to know when he would be ready to receive the address, and that Capt. Delaplaigne, Capt. Field, and Lieut. Cowan be the committee. The committee reported that the Governor would receive the same at 6 o'clock,

Adjourned to 5 o'clock, P. M.

The members met according to adjournment.

The Society waited upon his Honor the Governor, with the address, which was delivered by the President; and with the Governor's answer thereto, was ordered to be published.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, 3d. September 1783, A. M.

The members met according to adjournment, and entered the following resolution.

Whereas the convention of the officers at the main army, have thought proper to leave the place of meeting of the general Society of the Cincinnati, the first day of May next open, as it may be reasonably supposed with the intention of giving an equal chance of conveniency to other officers and corps who were not represented in that convention; and for giving time to obtain the sense of the several State Societies, upon the most proper and convenient place for that purpose.

Resolved therefore, That it is the opinion of this Society that Fredericksburg, in Virginia, being six hundred and seventy miles from us, divides the distance between the extremes of the United States, more equally than any other place; moreover this Society have an additional motive in it by doing every honor in their power to the place of his Excellency, General Washington's nativity; and which they flatter themselves will meet with the approbation of the Societies of the other States.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, 1st. That the committee for drawing up rules and regulations for the future government of the Society, shall have them prepared, and brought in at the next meeting, and that the officers be requested to have their accounts ready drawn out, upon one general plan, with all the vouchers they can obtain by that time.

2d. That every officer who has signed the institution, produce his commission, appointment, or other voucher, at the next meeting of this Society; and that this be a standing rule thereafter.

The Society then adjourned to the second Monday in January next ensuing—then to meet in Savannah.

A true copy from the minutes.

J. MILTON, *Secretary.*

(Virginia Gazette, Nov. 22, 1783. Cf. with the abstract enclosed in General McIntosh's letter of Dec. 20, 1783, to General Washington, beyond.)

Savannah, September 4,

To his Honour LYMAN HALL, *Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief of the State of Georgia.*

May it please your Honour,

The officers of the American army, citizens of this state, associated under the denomination of the Society of the Cincinnati, beg leave to address and congratulate your Honour, as the supreme Magistrate and Representative of its dignity, upon the glorious issue of a long and arduous struggle with Great Britain, and the happy return of peace; a peace equal to our most sanguine wishes and expectations, big with the most extensive prospects, and which, if properly improved, will make the United States of America the greatest empire, and, what is still more, the happiest people in the universe.

It is our earnest wish to promote and cherish between the respective states that union and national honour so essentially necessary to their happiness and the future dignity of the American empire.

Although arms, Sir, have been our possession, we think necessity alone could justify our having recourse to them, and we are happy the period is now arrived which restores us to civil life.

And as we wish to continue to be as useful as possible to the community to which we belong, we have for that end associated for that express purpose of preserving inviolate in peace those exalted rights and privileges for which we have so long contended, and to support the laws and civil authority of our country.

We shall be happy, on all occasions, to evince the sincerity of these our possessions, and request your Honour, that, whenever our assistance may be requisite, we may be called upon in common with our fellow citizens.

And here we will venture to express our hope that this Society, which has Charity for its basis, will meet every encouragement and protection, be a means of harmonizing the different classes of the community, and in some degree, contribute to the welfare and dignity of this extended empire.

It is our earnest prayer that this state in particular may flourish, and ever be ruled by Magistrates distinguished for their wisdom and integrity, who will only study and pursue its real interests.

We most ardently wish your Honour peace and tranquility during the remainder of a government so happily commenced.

LACHN. M'INTOSH, B. Gen. President.

To Brigadier General LACHLAN M'INTOSH, *President, and the* MEMBERS *of the Society of the Cincinnati for the State of Georgia.*

Gentlemen,

I receive your polite and obliging congratulation on the restoration of peace to our common country with peculiar pleasure; a peace that presents us with the most delightful prospects, and promises, if wisely improved, the greatest happiness and glory to the United States. The struggle for this *prize* was long and arduous, and at times, the event of conflict dubious, for we had to contend not only with internal enemies, (and those the worst) but all the power of haughty Britain was exerted against us; in which severe contest you, Gentlemen, have reaped the laurels of the well fought field, and on you *triumphal return* please accept my sincere and fervent congratulations.

Your earnest wish to cherish and promote union and national honour between the respective states, so necessary to their happiness and the future dignity of the American empire, I receive as an agreeable pledge, that although arms in the cause of your country's liberty has for a long time been your possession yet, on your return to mingle with citizens, the preservation of their exalted rights and privileges, and the support of the civil authority of our country, is an object of your devoted attention.

The cheerful aid which you offer, should there be occasion, in support of government, does you honour, and for which, in the name of the state, I return you my thanks.

Your having associated in such principles as these, and also for the benevolent purpose of reaching out a compassionate hand to the distressed, are laudable, and must meet the pleasing approbation of all good men.

Your particular wishes for my peace and tranquility during the remainder of my administration I receive as a polite encouragement to exert myself for the great and important interest of the state, which accomplished will answer your pious wishes, and be my greatest happiness when I quit my government.

L. HALL.

Government House, Savannah,
2d September, 1783.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 32. Sept. 4, 1783.)

(Draft of letter from the President General)

Rocky hill Oct^{r} 24th 1783—

Sir,

At the original Institution of the Society of the Cincinnati—Major General Heath who then presided was desired to transmit a Copy of the Institution with the proceedings thereon to the Senior Officer in each of the Southern States, and to request them to communicate the same to the Officers under their command and take such measures as might appear necessary for expediting the establishment of the Society in their respective States—

To the Letter sent on this occasion to the Senior Officer of your State—no answer has been received: —

At a subsequent meeting of the Society it was deemed expedient to appoint a president Gen^{l} pro: tem. and the honor of the choice falling on me it becomes a part of my duty to name the place for the General meeting in May next and in order to make it as Central as possible, for the general convenience it is necessary I should know in which of the States the Society is established—

I must therefore request that you would be pleased to inform me as soon as possible whether the Establishment has taken place in your State and what measures have been taken to effect it.

I am—

Endorsed: Rocky Hill 24 October 1783 The Senior Officer in Maryland Virginia N^{o} Carolina South Carolina & Georgia from Gen^{l} Washington to know if they have formed their State Socities of Cincinnati Read in Gen^{l} Meeting May 6th '84 G. T.

(Cinc. Soc. Archives.)

(Lachlan McIntosh to George Washington)

Sir,

I was honored yesterday by your Excellency's favor of the 24th October,—and have directed the Secretary of our State Association of the Cincinnati to copy such extracts from the minutes of our proceedings as will give you all the information you require, which he will inclose herewith, as I am obliged to go out in the Country.—

The Reason I have not done myself the honor of writing to your Excellʸ before on this Subject is, that we were not informed of your acceptance of the appointment of President General of the Society, and some envious persons had asserted that you refused it, which made me at a loss who to direct to, as such, but for the deficiency, as well as to commence that communication and correspondence recommended in the original Institution with our Sister Societys in the Neighbouring States, I have transmitted Copys of our proceedings to those of South & North Carolina and Virginia, and expected by that Means they would be conveyed through the other States.—

I have only to request your Excellency will inform me in time of the place of the General Society Meeting in May next, as we are at such a distance.—and have the Honor to be yʳ Excellency's,—

Most obᵗ humble Servant.

His Excellency
Genˡ Washington

Lachⁿ McIntosh
Savannah 20th Decem: 1783.

Endorsed by General Washington: From Majʳ Genˡ McIntosh Presidᵗ of the Georgia State Society of the Cincinnati dated 20th Decʳ 1783. received 26th February 1784. *Further endorsed by Major Turner*: Read in General Meeting May 6th 1784 G. T. Sec: pro Tem:

(Cinc. Soc. Archives.)

Abstract from the proceedings of the Cincinnati Society of the State of Georgia.

Wednesday 13th August 1783 A.M.

The Officers of the American Army by agreement met at Captⁿ Lucas's Quarters in Savannah when General Mᶜ Intosh read a letter directed to himself, from the Honor-

able Major General Heath, in which was enclosed the Institution for the formation of the Society, which was acceeded to as follows, Viz—

The Officers of the Army present, having maturely considered the foregoing plan of their brother Officers at the Northward, and the principles upon which the Society of the Cincinnati is founded, do unanimously approve of it for themselves in the General, and it is adopted by them, subject nevertheless, to such future amendments and improvements as may be found necessary—

Adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow.—

Thursday the 14th August 1783 A. M.

The Officers of the Army met according to Adjournment.

And proceeded to the Choice of Officers for the Society by Ballot, for the Current ensuing year when the following persons were Elected.—Viz^{t}—

General M^{c}Intosh	President
Colonel Elbert	Vice-President
Captain Milton	Secretary
Lieu^{t} Col^{l} McIntosh	Treasurer
Major Habersham	Asst. Treasurer

Adjourned to Monday the 1st September next,

Monday 1st September 1783 A. M.

The Officers met according to adjournment.

Upon Motion,

Ordered,

That the respective Officers do sign the Institution, and also sign a bill for one months pay & respectively, on the Pay-Master-General of the Army agreeable thereto, which was done accordingly.

Extract from the proceedings of the Society on Wednesday the third of September.—

The Members met according to adjournment, and entered into the following Resolution.—

Whereas the Convention of Officers at the Main Army, have thought proper to leave the place of Meeting of the General Society of the Cincinnati on the first day of May next open, as it may reasonably be supposed with the in-

tention of giving an equal chance of Conveniency to other Officers and Corps who were not represented in that Convention, and for giving time to obtain the sense of the several State Socities, upon the most proper and convenient place for that purpose.—

Resolved Therefore

That it is the opinion of this Society that Fredericksburg in Virginia, being six hundred and seventy Miles from us, divides the distances between the extremes of the United States more equally than any other place;—Moreover this Society have an additional Motive in it, by doing ever honor in their power to the place of his Excellency General Washington's Nativity, and which they flatter themselves will meet with the approbation of the Societies of the other States.—

I Do hereby certify that the foregoing extracts are true Copies from the Original entries.

J. Milton Sec^{y}

Endorsed: Savannah, Georgia, August & Sept^{r} 1783 Extract from the Proceedings of the Cincinnati in Georgia enclos^{d} in Gen^{l} M^{c}Intosh's ltr 20th Dec^{r} Read in Gen^{l} Meeting May 6th 1784 by G Turner Sec^{y} pro Tem:

(Cinc. Soc. Archives.)

STATE OF GEORGIA
All the Members of the
Cincinnati Society,

Of this State, are desired to meet at the house of Mr. Richard Donovan Murray, in Savannah, on Monday the 12th day of January next without fail. The President, General M'Intosh, will take the Chair precisely at 11 o'clock in the morning; dinner will be on table at two.

J. MILTON, S. C. S. S. G.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 46. Dec. 11, 1783. Repeated in Nos. 47, 48, 49, and 50.)

SAVANNAH, January 29

At a Quarterly Meeting of the CINCINNATI SOCIETY of this state, on Monday the 12th instant, at Murray's Long Room, the following Gentlemen were delegated to represent them in the General Society:

Major Richard Call,
Brigadier General Elbert,
Major Fishbourn,
Dr. James Houston,
Major Lachlan M'Intosh.

The festivity of the day was enjoyed with that strict decorum which must reflect honour on its members, and the community to which they particularly belong.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 53. Jan. 29, 1784.)

The Standing Committee of the Cincinnati Society of this State, will meet on Monday 5th Inst at Capt Wm McIntosh's quarters precisely at 10 Oclock in the Morning—where the presence of every Member is earnestly requested when matters of the utmost consequence to the Society will be laid before them.

Savh 3th 1784

(Lib. of Cong. Ga. Recs. Force Transcripts, I. Misc., 1732-1796. It is not possible definitely to assign the date in 1784 to which this memorandum of General McIntosh's refers, as the combination of Monday and fifth occurs in January, April, and July. However, as the July meeting of the Society was held on the 4th, this month can be ruled out. From the call (Ga. Gazette, April 8, 1784) for a meeting of the "Committee of the State Society of the Cincinnati" on Monday, April 12, it may be assumed that the notice above refers to this month, but that for some reason it was delayed a week.)

The Committee of the STATE SOCIETY of the CINCINNATI earnestly request the Members of the same to meet, at Mr. Richard Donovan Murray's, on Monday the 12th instant, as there are some proposals of consequence waiting their consideration and decision.

EDWARD COWAN, Chairman.

5th April, 1784.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 63. April 8, 1784.)

(Lachlan McIntosh to George Washington)

Savannah in Georgia 20th April 1784.

Sir,

I had the honor of writing to your Excellency the 20th December in answer to your favor of the 24th October last which I hope you received—and since, your Circular Letter of the 1st January with its duplicate came to hand at the same time, & only four days ago, which I laid before our State Association of Cincinnati whose quarterly meeting

was held here yesterday and this Day—and in Consequence thereof, they have Chosen Majors Eustace, Lucas, Cuthbert and Captain Field to Represent them in the General Society,* who are to proceed immediately to Philadelphia if we can possibly make out as much Money as will bear their Expences—and to whom I beg leave to refer your Excellency for any information you may require as they will go fully Instructed, & are directed to carry Copy of all the Proceedings of our State Society from its commencement.—

I have the Honor to be most Respectfully
Your Excellency's
most obt Hble Servant
Lachn McIntosh
President of the Georgia Association

His Excelly
Gen. Washington
Presidt General of Cincinnati.

Endorsed: Savannah 20th April 84 From General McIntosh, President of ye Cincin: in Georgia, to Gen: Washington, naming Delegates chosen to represent that State in Genl Meeting—who are to bring on a Copy of their State Proceedings Read in Genl Meeting May 8th 1784 by G Turner Secy pro Tem:

(Cinc. Soc. Archives.)

* The General Meeting held at Philadelphia May 5 to 18, 1784, was the only one at which the Georgia Society was represented until after its revival. Evidently the money mentioned in the letter was raised, for the delegates named were in attendance.

To be sold at the Printing Office, price 7d.

A CIRCULAR LETTER,
ADDRESSED TO
The STATE SOCIETIES
OF THE
CINCINNATI
BY
The GENERAL MEETING
Convened at Philadelphia, May 3, 1784
TOGETHER WITH
The INSTITUTION,
As altered and amended.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 73. June 17, 1784. A copy of the foregoing, an octavo of four pages, is bound with the Gazette of this date in the collections of the Georgia Historial Society. The imprint reads: SAVANNAH, GEORGIA: PRINTED BY JAMES JOHNSTON. 1784.)

CINCINNATI.

The Cincinnati Society of the State of Georgia are desired to meet at Augusta on the 4th day of July next, being the Anniversary.

J. Milton, S. C. S. S. G.

June 23, 1784.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 74. June 24, 1784.)

The Anniversary of the Cincinnati, which happened on the 4th July, (an era memorable for the Declaration of Independence) was celebrated on the 7th instant, in the town of Augusta, by all the State Members who were at that time assembled.

The Governor and his Privy Council, together with many other respectable citizens, were present upon the occasion, and participated of the entertainment with that liberality of sentiment and soul which can never fail to give felicity and pleasure to social life.

A neat and genteel dinner was prepared upon the occasion, which was served up with a taste and regularity that did honour to the Stewards. Every thing partook of harmony. The conversation turned upon points which promoted pleasantry; and a happy assimilation of sentiment and opinion gave the fullest indulgence to the flow of friendship.

After dinner the following toasts were drank:

1. The President of the Cincinnati.
2. The Legislature of Georgia.
3. May the Society of the Cincinnati flourish only whilst its Members preserve the qualities of good Citizens.
4. No Distinction but that which Virtue and Merit claims.
5. The virtuous Militia of Georgia, who, under every difficulty supported the Rights of Freemen.
6. The Army and Navy of France who served in America.
7. The absent Members of the Cincinnati throughout the World.
8. May Republican Virtue ever rise superior to Monarchical Tyranny.
9. Permanency and Strength to the Confederation.

10. Peace and Liberty to the whole World.
11. The Congress of the United States.
12. The LADIES of America.
13. The memorable 4th July, the Anniversary of Independence, and of the Society of the Cincinnati.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 77. July 15, 1784.)

The MEMBERS of the

CINCINNATI

are particularly requested to meet at Murray's tavern in Savannah, on the first Monday in next month, on business of consequence; and each Member is desired to come prepared to pay in the several sums levied upon them at the last meeting, for the purpose of defraying some general expences.

Wm. Pierce, Chairman of
the Standing Committee.

Sept. 23, 1784.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 87. Sept. 23, 1784.)

CINCINNATI.

The members of the Cincinnati Society of the State of Georgia are desired to meet, at the house of Mr. Alexander Allison, on Saturday next, being the 16th inst. at ten o'clock in the forenoon; dinner to be on the table precisely at three o'clock.

ED. LLOYD,
J. P. WAGNON, } Stewards.

Savannah, 14th October, 1784.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 90. Oct. 14, 1784.)

CINCINNATI.

It is requested by the following Members of the Cincinnati Society of the State of Georgia, who convened at the last Quarterly Meeting, that all Members belonging to the said Society do meet, at Allison's Tavern, on the 20th day of November next, on business of an important nature.

John M'Intosh, John Habersham, J. Milton, Wm. Pierce, John Lucas, A. D. Cuthbert, Geo. Handley, James Field, F. O'Neal, Robert

Munfort, Elisha Miller, Edward Cowan,
Christopher Hillary, Jnº. Martin.

Savannah, 16th Oct. 1784.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 91. Oct. 21, 1784. Repeated in Nos. 92, 93. 94, and 95.)

The Quarterly Meeting of the CINCINNATI will be held at Allison's Tavern in Savannah, on Monday the 3d next month, when it is expected every Member will attend.

WM. PIERCE, } Stewards.
JAS. FIELDS, }

Dec. 29, 1784.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 101. Dec. 30, 1784.)

CINCINNATI.

The President of the Cincinnati Society of the State of Georgia, at the desire of several of the Members, has adjourned their Quarterly Meeting from this day until Monday the 17th inst. on account of the small number of the Gentlemen now in town, and to give an opportunity to some of their Brethren in the country who have not joined them to be admitted; on which occasion all the Officers and Members are requested to attend at Allison's Tavern, at 10 o'clock on that day.—Dinner to be on table precisely at 3 o'clock.

By order of the President,
J. MILTON, S. C. S. S. G.

Savannah, 3d Jan. 1785.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 102. Jan. 6, 1785. Repeated in No. 103.)

CINCINNATI.

The Members of the Cincinnati of the State of Georgia are desired to convene at Allison's New Inn, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the 19th instant, being a quarterly meeting. Dinner to be on table precisely at three o'clock.

WM. PIERCE, } Stewards.
JAS. FIELDS, }

Savannah, 6th April, 1785.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 115. April 7, 1785. Repeated in No. 116.)

A dinner, "observed with every demonstration of joy becoming the Sons of Freedom," was held at the Court House, Savannah, July 4, 1785, and was attended by "his Honour the President, the Speaker of the House of Assembly, Honourable Brigadier General Wayne, with a respectable number of the Citizens of the County." This dinner may have superseded that of the Society of the Cincinnati.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 128. July 7, 1785.)

THE Standing Committee of the CINCINNATI inform the Members of the Society, that their Quarterly Meeting will be on Monday the 17th October instant, when the attendance of as many Members as possible is requested at Mr. Allison's Inn, 10 o'clock.

JNº. BERRIEN, Chairman.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 142. Oct. 13, 1785.)

[Quart]erly Meeting of the Cin-
[cinnati] the Coffeehouse, dined to-
[gether] [follo]wing toasts:

[1.] General Society.

[2.] Succe[ss] [So]ciety of the Cincinnati throughout [the W]orld.

[3.] To the Memory of the Officers and Soldiers who fell [in the] defence of American Independence.

[4.] The United States.

[5.] Our Great and Glorious Ally Louis XVI.

[6.] Marquis de la Fayette.

[7.] Count Rochambeau and the French Army that in America.

[8. T]he French Navy.

[9.] The Governor and the State of Georgia.

[10.] His Catholic Majesty.

[11.] The United Provinces of Holland.

[12.] The Widows and Orphans of the deceased Officers [and S]oldiers.

[13.] May American Independence be as lasting as it is [illus]trious.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 154. Jan. 5, 1786. The page upon which this account occurs is badly torn. Additions have been placed in square brackets.)

The Members of the above Society are requested to convene at the State Hotel in Savannah, on Wednesday the 19th inst. at 11 o'clock A. M. it being quarterly meeting.

Punctual attendance is desired.

J. BRICE, } Stewards.
Savannah, April 5, 1786. JOB PRAY, }

(Ga. Gazette. No. 167. April 6, 1786. Repeated in No. 168.)

The Cincinnati Society

Are requested to meet at the Coffeehouse at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the Anniversary of American Independence, when business of consequence will be laid before them. Dinner will be on the table at 3 o'clock.

J. BRICE, } Stewards.
Jun. 20, 1786 J. PRAY, }

(Ga. Gazette. No. 179. June 29, 1786.)

The Anniversary of American Independence being the day appointed for making choice of Officers to serve in the Society of the Cincinnati for one year, the Members assembled at the Coffeehouse, and elected the following gentlemen, viz. Gen. M'Intosh *President*; Gen. Elbert, *Vice President;* Major Lucas, *Treasurer;* Capt. Edward Lloyd, *Assistant Treasurer;* Major Habersham, *Secretary;* Capt. Cowan, *Assistant Secretary;* Major Brice, and Capt. Hilwill, *Stewards.*

Business being over, the Society, and a number of their fellow citizens partook of a handsome entertainment provided for the occasion, and spent the afternoon in mirth and perfect harmony. The following toasts were drank:

1. This glorious Anniversary.
2. The United States of America.
3. Congress.
4. The Governor and other Civil Magistrates of Georgia.
5. The illustrious President General of the Cincinnati.
6. His Most Christian Majesty.
7. The United Netherlands.
8. His Catholick Majesty.
9. Our absent President, Maj. Gen. M'Intosh.

10. The Members of the Cincinnati in every part of the world.

12. The memory of those brave Men who fell in Defence of the Liberties and Independence of America.

11. An American Navy.

13. The Memory of our illustrious Brother and Fellow Citizen, the late Major Gen. Greene.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 180. July 6, 1786.)

Last Thursday [19th] being the Quarterly Meeting of the CINCINNATI SOCIETY of this state, the Members attended, when the following gentlemen were appointed honorary Members thereof:

Nicholas Anciaux, Esq. Lieutenant Quartermaster and Paymaster of the Regiment Dupont [Deux Ponts], who served with Count de Rochambeau in America.

The Chevalier Duplessis, a Brigadier General in the service of France, having to support him the most honourable testimony of his character from the Count d'Estaing and his Excellency General Washington.

Brigadier General Jackson, for his faithful and military services, and who distinguished himself during the Revolution. Having served with the Continental Army, the Society were disposed to shew him every mark of their friendship and respect.

Whereas a representation is presented to us by Monsieur de la Baume, Baron de Malves, and aided by the strongest recommendations from Count d'Estaing, that he served at the siege of Savannah with the French army, and that he was particularly distinguished for his good conduct on board the Caesar man of war, *praying, and indeed laying claim* to a seat in the Cincinnati; *Therefore Resolved,* That Monsieur de la Baume, Baron de Malves, *be admitted a regular Member of the Cincinnati, upon the principles of its original institution.*

The Society having gone through the business, agreeable to the order of the day, adjourned to participate in an elegant dinner prepared for the purpose, when the following toasts were drank:

1. The President of the Society.
2. The President of the State Society.

3. The Memory of our late worthy Member, General Greene.

4. The Members of the Society throughout the world.

5. Count d'Estaing.

6. General Knox, one of the first instituters.

7. General St. Clair, a worthy supporter.

8. Baron Steuben.

9. General Wayne, Vice President of the Pennsylvania Society.

10. State of Georgia.

11. All good men.

12. A speedy Relief to the Sufferings of the unfortunate Members of the Society.

13. May the American Navy be as triumphant as her Armies have been *over all their enemies.*

The day concluded with joy and satisfaction, every one feeling a soldierly affection for each other.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 196. Oct. 26, 1786.)

CINCINNATI SOCIETY, *Savannah, in Georgia, Oct. 19th* 1786.

For the faithful and military services of Brigadier General James Jackson, who distinguished himself during the revolution, the Society are disposed to shew him every mark of their friendship and respect:

Therefore Resolved, nem: con: That he be admitted an honorary member of this Society.

The Society then proceeded to the election, when they unanimously elected Brigadier General Jackson an honorary member of the Cincinnati Society in the State of Georgia.

A true extract from the Minutes.

Lachlan McIntosh, *President.*

John Habersham, Sec. C. S. of Georgia.

(Charlton. Life of Maj. Gen. James Jackson (1809), p. 32.)

Savannah, State of Georgia, 8^{bre} 21 1786.

Sir.

I am Directed by the President of the states Society of the *Cincinnati,* to inform you, that they unanimously elected you, an honorary Member, of their Society on the 19^{e} Instant, being their regular quarterly Meetting.—your attendance is requested at the Meetting of the Society, to be

held at the coffee house in Savannah on Tuesday the 21. Day of November next, precisely at 11 : O'clock, in the forenoon, on business of importance.

I am Sir
your humble Servant
Signé.....Edward Cowan ass[t] Secretary
cincinnaty Society, State of Georgia.

General Duplessis.

Je Soussigné, Citoyen de l'Etat de Georgie; De la Société de Cincinnatus, honoré de pouvoirs de la Société; Grand d'Espagne de la premiere classe, Gouverneur Général de la Province de Touraine; Chevalier des Ordres du Roy; Lieutenant-Général de ses Armées; Vice-Amiral de france, Certifie a tous qu'il appartiendra, que la Lettre en dessus addressée à M[r] Duplessis, par ordre de la Société de Cincinnatus de l'état de Georgie, est la copie exacte et fidelle, de la Lettre originale, que je me suis fait representer enfoi de quoi j'ai délivré le présent certificat, pour servir et valoir, et a iceluy fait à Paris ce 22. Janvier 1788./.

Estaing

[Seal]

Endorsed: Paris 22 January 1788, The count d Estaings authentication of the Admission of the Chevalier Brig[r] Gen[l] Duplessis into the Society of that State [*sic*]—

M. Jean Baptiste, Vigournin Duplessis, Ecuyer, Brigadier des armées du Roy, chevalier de l'ordre Royal, et militaire de S[t] Louis, ancien Gouverneur de l'isle de S[t] Vincent.

New York Jnne 10[th] 1788.

Sir /.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor from Paris of the 15[th] of Feb[y] last.

The Application to the State Society of the Cincinnati in Georgia for a Diploma would have been the regular mode of Obtaining it, but from the consideration of your being desirous to be in possession of it as soon as possible, and conceiving that a long period might elapse before it could be obtained I have done myself the Honor of transmitting you the Diploma by his Most Christian Majesty's Packet The Alligator which is to sail this day for Havre

de Grace, and according to your request I have committed it to the care of M[r] De La Forest.

I have the Honor &c

H. K[nox].

Brigd[r] General du Plessis.

Endorsed: Copy of a Letter to Brigadier General Du Plessis—June 10[th] 1788—P. His M. X[tian] Majestys packet Alligator. delivered to M. de La Forest for conveyance with his Despatches.

(Cinc. Soc. Archives.)

At a meeting of the Cincinnati held at the Coffeehouse on the 28th December last, the following gentlemen were delegated to the General Meeting to be held at Philadelphia in May next, viz. Major William Pierce, Major Nathaniel Pendleton, Major John Lucas, Major James Armstrong, and Captain John Sullivan.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 206. Jan. 4, 1787.)

Augusta, February 10. . . . Last week the Members of the Cincinnati Society that were in this town met at Thompson's Tavern, and formed themselves into a District Society under the original institution of the General Society. They proceeded to the choice of Officers for the current year, when the Hon. Brigadier General Mathews was chosen President; Col. Richard Call, Vice President; and Capt. James Meriweather, Secretary.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 212. Feb. 15, 1787.)

CINCINNATI.

It having been found highly expedient, from the early approach of the ensuing Triennial Meeting, to call an Extra General Meeting of the Members of the Society of this State, I do hereby give notice, that such a Meeting will be held, at the Coffeehouse in Savannah, on the first Monday in March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. Very particular and pressing business having induced the calling of this Meeting, it is expected, and will be highly essential, that every Member should attend at that hour.

LACHLAN M'INTOSH, President
Cincinnati of Georgia.

February 18, 1787.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 213. Feb. 22, 1787. Repeated in No. 214.)

CINCINNATI.

The Members of the Cincinnati, in this state, are desired to meet at the Coffeehouse, on Monday the 31st of March instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, on very necessary and pressing business.

By order of the President,
JOHN HABERSHAM, Secretary.

Savannah, March 7, 1788.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 268. March 13, 1788. Repeated in Nos. 269 and 270.)

Savannah, March 16th, 1788.

On Motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to wait on a Gentleman, who shall be a Member of the Society, with a request that he will prepare an Oration, suitable to the occasion, to be delivered on the 4th July next, and Colonel Fishbourn, Major Sumner, and Doctor Wilson, be that Committee.

March 31st, 1788.

The Committee appointed to wait on a Gentleman of the Society with a request that he would prepare and deliver an Oration on the 4th July next reported, that they had agreed on Major William Pierce, which being communicated to him by the Committee, he consented to the requisition, and desired the Society might be informed accordingly.

July 4th, 1788.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be presented to Major William Pierce for his elegant and animated Oration delivered in Christ Church this day, and that a Committee be appointed to have it printed, the Society engaging to take one hundred copies. The Committee, Colonel Fishbourn, Major Habersham, and Doctor Sharpe.

Extracts from the Minutes,
John Habersham, Sec'y.

(William Pierce. An Oration, pp. 1-2.)

Cincinnati.

The MEMBERS of the CINCINNATI are requested to meet at Major Brice's, by ten o'clock in the forenoon of Friday the 4th July next, being the Anniversary of the Society, when

the election of officers and other business of importance will be transacted previous to dinner, which will be on table precisely at three o'clock.*

By Order,

JOHN HABERSHAM, *Sec.*

Savannah, 11th June, 1788.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 281. June 2, 1788. Repeated in Nos. 282, 283, and 284.)

* As no account of the dinner appears in the press, it is possible that the dinner noted below was either the Cincinnati dinner or one in which the Society participated with others in celebration of the occasion. The notice is from the Georgia Gazette, No. 232, July 5, 1788.

Yesterday being the ANNIVERSARY of AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE, the same was celebrated as usual. A number of respectable citizens dined at the Coffeehouse, when the following toasts were drank, and the day was spent with the utmost harmony.

1. The Day, and its everlasting remembrance.
2. Liberty without licentiousness, and Republicanism without alloy.
3. Energy to Government, and a Federal Head.
4. May the Eagle of America never be the sport of her own arrows.
5. The illustrious President of the National Convention.
6. The Governor and State of Georgia.
7. Louis the XVIth.
8. May the State of Georgia ever respect the Union as the only method to preserve herself.
9. May our Sister-State, Rhode-Island, be convinced of her error without the necessity of coercion.
10. The memory of the departed Heroes of the Revolution.
11. A Truce with Land Speculation and Indian Wars.
12. Universal Freedom.
13. The American Mothers.

JUST PUBLISHED, and to be sold at the Printing Office,

AN ORATION, Delivered at Christ Church, Savannah, on the 4th July, 1788, in Commemoration of the ANNIVERSARY of AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE. By Major WILLIAM PIERCE.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 293. Sept. 4, 1788.)

Opened for Sale, for a few days only, at Mr. Germain's, Goldsmith on the Bay, The Eagle of the Order of Cincinnati, AND A general Assortment of elegant Jewellery of American Manufacture, which may be had as cheap as can be imported. *Jeremiah Andrews.*

(Ga. Gazette. No. 307. Dec. 11, 1788. This advertisement was repeated the following week, with the addition of McMurray's Map of the United States of America. Andrews again advertises in No. 351, October 15, 1789, and in ten subsequent issues, and announces: "Three only of the Eagles of the Cincinnati, with proper ribbon, remain unsold, of American make." By January 7, 1790, "One only of the Eagles . . . remains unsold," and so continues in No. 384, twenty weeks later, after which the advertisement ceases to appear.)

The Members of the SOCIETY of the CINCINNATI are desired to meet at the Coffeehouse in Savannah, the 4th instant, on business that very much concerns the Society. There will be a dinner provided for those Members who choose to dine together on that day.

By order of the Society,

DAN. M'LANE,
JOHN BURROWES, } Stewards.

Savannah, July 1, 1789.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 366. July 2, 1789.)

On the 4th instant, being the Anniversary of American Independence, the Members of the Cincinnati assembled at Hamilton's Long Room, and made choice of the following Gentlemen as Officers for the present year:

Major General Wayne, *President.*
Major William Pierce, *Vice President.*
Major John Habersham, *Secretary.*
Colonel Richard Wylly, *Treasurer.*
John Peter Ward, Esq. *Assistant Secretary.*
Edward Lloyd, Esq. *Assistant Treasurer.*

The Members dined together on an elegant dinner prepared for the occasion, and passed the day in great harmony and conviviality. After dinner the following toasts were drank:

1. The President General of the Society, and of the Union.
2. The respective State Societies.
3. Prosperity and Happiness to our dear Country.
4. The People.

5. Agriculture and Commerce.

6. The Legislature of the Union;—wisdom, unanimity, and a happy operation, to their measures.

7. Peace and Harmony.

8. The King of France, and the Officers of his Army who Assisted in establishing the American Independence.

9. The Governor and State of Georgia.

10. The Memory of our departed Brethren.

11. The Republicks of the World, where law, and not the will of despots, rules.

12. May Policy dictate a just Reward for Publick Service.

13. May North Carolina and Rhode Island, by a speedy Adoption of the Federal Constitution, complete the Number of the Thirteen United States.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 337, July 9, 1789.)

CINCINNATI.

The Members of the State Society are earnestly requested to meet at the Coffeehouse, on Monday the 4th January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, on particular business.

By Order of the President,
JOHN HABERSHAM, Secretary.

Savannah, December 15, 1789.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 360. Dec. 17, 1789. Repeated in No. 361.)

CINCINNATI.

An Extra Meeting of the Society established in this State will be held at the Coffeehouse on Thursday the 15th instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, when the punctual attendance of every Member is earnestly desired.

By Order of the President,
JOHN HABERSHAM, Secretary.

Savannah, April 6, 1790.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 376. April 8, 1790.)

Instructions to the Delegates, who represent the Georgia State Society of the Cincinnati, in the General Society, on the first Monday in May next.

Gentlemen,

You, or either of you, are appointed to represent this Society in the General Society of the Cincinnati, at

their triennial meeting on the first monday in May next, when it is probable some alterations in the General Constitution of the Society may be proposed and considered; whereon we think it proper to inform you what are the wishes and sentiments of this State Society, to which we request and have no doubt you will conform in giving your votes.

First. Altho' this State Society did ratify the alterations proposed by the General Society at Philadelphia, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty four, yet, on farther trial, and finding they were far from being adopted or approved by many of the State Societies, because no sufficient method was therein provided for a perpetual Succession of Members, without which our funds would soon become ineffectual, and the Society itself become extinct, on a subsequent vote it was Resolved to repeal the former vote of adoption, whereby the sense of this Society was plainly and fully expressed to be in favor of the Original Constitution; we, therefore, hope you will concur in promoting all such measures as are calculated to preserve the Original Constitution unaltered, or, if you are of opinion, by any information you may obtain from the other State Societies, that some less exceptionable mode of succession than that of an hereditary one is necessary, to lessen the jealousies it may have excited in the minds of our Fellow Citizens, we desire you will not at any rate consent to any mode of Succession by Election, by which the choice is not confined to the next worthiest of the male kindred in equal degree: Provided, that where there are no male kindred, the election may be in the free choice of the State Societies.

Secondly. We could wish, that the same place might be fixed on in each State, by a General Law, for the meeting of the State Societies, wherein they were first formed.

Thirdly. We request you will, if possible, obtain the sense of the General Society upon the propriety of an application, at a proper time, to Congress, to grant a Charter of Incorporation to the Society, with power to pass bye Laws for the better security and application of their funds, under such modifications and restrictions as they may deem necessary; without this, the Society will find innumerable difficulties in compassing the charitable intentions of the Founders.

In all other matters, we leave it to your prudence, judgment and discretion, to do what in your opinion shall be most conducive to the General Interests of the Society.

Signed by order.

Anty Wayne
President.

Savannah, in Georgia,
April 15th, 1790.—

To Major-General Anthony Wayne, . Brigr General George Mathews and Colonel, James Gunn . . . . } Delegates to represent the Georgia State Society in the General Society of Cincinnati, or either of them.

Endorsed: 15. April, 1790 Georgia Credentials

(Cinc. Soc. Archives.)

The District Society of Cincinnati, held at Augusta, met to celebrate their Anniversary, on Sunday the 4th inst. at Mrs. Fox's Long Room—there not being a sufficient number to proceed to business, the same was postponed until November next. Those few of the Society who attended, agreed to dine together on the following day, which they celebrated at the Court-house with all mirth and jollity. The Society were honored with the company of his Excellency the Governor, and a number of gentlemen of the town, who partook of the joyous occasion. After dinner the following toasts were given, viz.

1. The memorable 4th of July, 1776.
2. The thirteen United States.
3. The President-General of the United States. May his health be speedily restored.
4. The memory of General Greene, and those who died in defence of American liberty.
5. The King of Frenchmen.
6. The Marquis de la Fayette, and Members of the Cincinnati in France.
7. The Powers in Europe in alliance with the United States.
8. Our Ministers at foreign Courts.
9. The Secretaries of the three grand Departments.

10. The Presidents of the State and District Society, Generals Wayne and Mathews.

11. The memorable 7th of October, 1777, and 19th of October, 1781.

12. The troops of the United States.

13. The State of Georgia.

The following song was sung on the above occasion·

Song for the 4th July 1790.

The *Grecian Olympiad* so famous of yore,
Was an æra of frolic, of play and of mirth;
And *Alcides* then taught, *merry Greeks* to adore
The king of the gods by gambols on earth:
But thy æra, Columbia! *with freedom was giv'n;*
And freedom's the queen of the daughters of heav'n!

When *Romulus* collected the dissolute band,
And begirt ancient *Rome* with his mud wall around;
Urbe condita then, on time's record did stand,
And he register'd well, for still it is found:
But, &c.

From *Mecca,* when *Mah'met* was forced to retreat,
Who'd have thought it the æra, *Hegira* no nam'd?
Tho' a whimsical epoch, the Ottoman date,
Yet the Turk does not think that his epoch's unfam'd:
But, &c.

No æra since *Sol* first began his career,
Can furnish a theme so grand and sublime;
As this æra of æras we celebrate here,
And which sacred appears on the annals of time:
'Twas thy æra, Columbia! *with freedom was giv'n,*
And freedom's the queen of the daughters of heav'n.

(Augusta Chronicle. IV. No. cxcvi. July 10, 1790.)

CINCINNATI.

SUNDAY next being the 4th of July, it is proposed to celebrate the Anniversary of the Society on the day following. The Members are therefore requested to meet at Brown's Coffeehouse, on Monday the 5th of July, precisely at 10

o'clock in the forenoon, to make choice of Officers, &c. An Oration, suitable to the occasion, will be delivered by a Member.

By Order of the President,

JOHN HABERSHAM, Secretary.

Savannah, June 29, 1790.*

(Ga. Gazette. No. 388. July 1, 1790.)

* Under the heading, "New York, June 5," is given an account of the "triennail General Meeting" held at Philadelphia in May, with a copy of the address to the President, his reply, and the circular to the State Societies. (Ga. Gazette. No. 389. July 8, 1790.)

CINCINNATI.

The Fourth of July, the Fourteenth Anniversary of the Independence of the United States, being Sunday, the State Society of the Cincinnati met at Major Brown's Coffeehouse in Savannah on Monday the 5th, and elected the following Officers:

Hon. Major Gen. Anthony Wayne, *President.*
Col. John M'Intosh, *Vice President.*
Major John Berrien, *Secretary.*
Dr. James B. Sharpe, *Assistant Secretary.*
Col. Richard Wylly, *Treasurer.*
Lieut. Edward Lloyd, *Assistant Treasurer.*

The Members dined together, and drank the following Toasts:

1. July the *Fourth,* and *Men* of M,DCC,LXXVI.
2. The *Thirteen United States.*
3. His Excellency GEORGE WASHINGTON, Esquire, the President of the *Cincinnati,* and of *those States.*
4. Our Illustrious Ally *Louis XVI.* and the French Nation.
5. The *Congress.*
6. The Members of the *Cincinnati* wherever dispersed. May *their* Posterity be emulous of *their* virtues!
7. The *Marquis de la Fayette.*
8. May the General Government secure to each Citizen *Peace, Liberty,* and *Property,* till time shall be no more!
9. The *Belgick States.*
10. The Memory of *General Greene.*
11. The *Heroes* who have sealed the Independence of *their* Country with *their blood.*
12. The immortal Memory of *Doctor Franklin.*
13. *Georgia*—Prosperity to her *Citizens!*

(Ga. Gazette. No. 389. July 8, 1790.)

(John Berrien to Henry Knox)

Sir:

Agreeably to a rule of our Society, I have the honor to transmit you, a List of its Officers, in the State society of Georgia for the current year.

I have the honor to be respectfully, Sir,

Your most obed't serv^{t}

John Berrien, Sec'y.

Savannah, July 25th, 1790.

The Honorable
Major-General Knox,
Secretary General
of the Society of Cincinnati,
New York.
via Philadelphia.

At an Anniversary meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Georgia, at Brown's Coffee house, in the City of Savannah, 5th of July (the 4th being Sunday), 1790, the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year, viz.

Major-General Anthony Wayne, *President.*
Lieut. Colonel John McIntosh, *Vice-President.*
Major John Berrien, *Secretary.*
Colonel Richard Wylly, *Treasurer.*
Dr. Sharpe, *Assistant Secretary.*
Lieutenant Edward Lloyd, *Assistant Treasurer.*

Extracts from the Minutes,

John Berrien, Sec'y.

(From the original MS. in the possession of Col. John P. Nicholson, Philadelphia. See also Historical Collections of the Joseph Habersham Chapter, D. A. R., I. 59.)

On Sunday the 28th inst. will be delivered, at the Church in Augusta, a funeral sermon, where the members of the Lodge Columbia, No. 3, and the Cincinnati, are requested to attend, to pay their last tributes to the manes of Col. Benjamin Fishbourn.

(Augusta Chronicle. IV. No. ccxv. Nov. 20, 1790.)

CINCINNATI.

The Society of the Cincinnati are requested to meet, on Thursday the 2d December next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at Brown's Coffeehouse, in the city of Savannah, when business of consequence relative to their funds will be brought before them.

By Order,

JOHN BERRIEN, Sec'ry.

Savannah, November 10, 1790.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 408. Nov. 18, 1790. Repeated in No. 409.)

CINCINNATI.

THE Members of the Society of the Cincinnati are requested to meet at Brown's Coffee house, on Tuesday the 4th January next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when business of consequence to the Society will be laid before them, and the Election of Delegates to the General Society will also be held.

By Order of the President,

JOHN BERRIEN, Sec'ry.

Savannah, December 22, 1790.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 413. Dec. 23, 1790. Repeated in No. 414.)

The Members of the Society of Cincinnati are requested to meet at Brown's Coffee-house, in Savannah, on Tuesday the 19th of April instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

JOHN BERRIEN, Secretary.

Savannah, April 6, 1791.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 428. April 7, 1791. Repeated in No. 429.)

The ADDRESS *of the* SOCIETY *of the* CINCINNATI *of the* STATE *of* GEORGIA.

To GEORGE WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES, and PRESIDENT GENERAL of the SOCIETY of CINCINNATI.

SIR,

We the Members of the Society of Cincinnati of the State of Georgia beg leave to offer our most sincere congratulations on your safe arrival in this state.

It is more easy for you to imagine than for us to describe the mingled emotions of gratitude, of respect, and affection, your presence inspires. Whether we look back

to the interesting scenes of the late war, when three millions of people committed their treasure—their liberties, to your protection—or to the present time, when the same people, become an independent empire have called on you with one voice to be the Guardian of their Government and Laws—in either view we shall find equal motives of admiration for the wisdom of your conduct, and of reverence for your virtues.

In these sentiments we are conscious that we do but express the feelings of every American citizen; yet we flatter ourselves we may justly be supposed to have a more lively degree of sensibility in our affection from the relation in which we stand, as Officers who had the honor to serve under you during the late war, and as President General of our Society—a relation in which it is our highest pride to be considered.

This is perhaps the last opportunity we may have of tendering you in person the sincere professions of our attachment: be pleased to accept them, Sir, as the genuine effusions of our hearts; and suffer us, at the same time, to assure you, that it shall be our constant endeavor to pursue the same conduct towards our country that formerly procured us the honor of your esteem and regard.

That you may long—very long live to enjoy the grateful applause of mankind—the noblest reward of virtue, and make your fellow citizens happy, is our ardent wish, and shall be our constant prayer.

By Order,

ANTHONY WAYNE, President.

The PRESIDENT'S ANSWER.

To the MEMBERS of the SOCIETY of the CINCINNATI of the STATE of GEORGIA.

GENTLEMEN,

YOUR congratulations on my arrival in this state are received with grateful sensibility—your esteem and attachment are replied to with truth and affection.

Could the praise of an individual confer distinction on men whose merits are recorded in the independence and sovereignty of their country, I would add, with grateful

pride, the tribute of my testimony to the public acknowledgement—I would say how much you had achieved, how much you had endured in the cause of freedom—Nor should my applause be confined to the military virtues of your character—with the enduring epithet of gallant brother-soldiers, your civic worth has connected the respectable title of deserving fellow-citizens.

Your conduct in war has commanded my esteem, your behavior in peace exacts my approbation.

My opinions will ever do justice to your merits—my heart will reciprocate your affection—and my best wishes implore your happiness.

G° WASHINGTON.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 434. May 19, 1791. Upon the occasion of General Washington's visit to Savannah on May 14, 1791.)

CINCINNATI.

THE SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI are requested to meet at Brown's Coffeehouse, in the City of Savannah, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, on Monday the 4th of July, for the purpose of choosing their Officers for the ensuing year; and other business will also be laid before them.

JOHN BERRIEN, *Sec'ry.*

Savannah, June 27, 1791.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 440. June 30, 1791.)

AT an Anniversary Meeting of the Cincinnati Society of the State of Georgia, held at Brown's Coffeehouse in the city of Savannah, July 4, 1791, the following Officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.

The Hon. Major Gen. Anthony Wayne, President;
The Hon. Capt. James Gunn, Vice President;
Major John Berrien, Secretary;
Dr. James B. Sharpe, Assistant Secretary;
Col. Richard Wylly, Treasurer;
Lieut. Edward Lloyd, Assistant Treasurer;

The Stewards and Standing Committee of last year continued.

After the business of the day was concluded the Society dined together, and spent the evening in mirth and harmony, and the following toasts were drank:

1. The PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES.

2. The President of the State Society of GEORGIA, GEN. WAYNE.

3. The Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers of the AMERICAN ARMY.

4. The Memory of GEN. GREENE.

5. The GOVERNOR and the STATE of GEORGIA.

6. The JUDICIARY of GEORGIA.

7. The MARQUIS DE LA FAYETTE.

8. GEN. ST. CLAIR.

9. More FRIENDS and no NEED.

10. The Memory of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

11. The WESTERN EXPEDITION. Success to it.

12. GEN. LINCOLN.

13. The AMERICAN MOTHER.

14. The FAIR DAUGHTERS of AMERICA.

15. Our illustrious Ally LOUIS XVI. and FRENCH NATION.

JOHN BERRIEN, Sec'y.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 441. July 7, 1791.)

CINCINNATI.

The Members of the Society of Cincinnati of the State of Georgia are requested to meet at Brown's Coffeehouse, on Thursday the 19th instant, at six o'clock in the evening, on business in which THEY are particularly INTERESTED.

JOHN BERRIEN, *Sec'ry.*

January 11, 1792.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 468. Jan. 12, 1792. Repeated in No. 469.)

CINCINNATI.

The Members of the State Society of Cincinnati of the State of Georgia are desired to meet at Brown's Coffeehouse, on Wednesday July the 4th next ensuing, to celebrate their Anniversary, and transact public business of the greatest importance to them, at nine o'clock in the morning. Dinner to be on table at 4 o'clock P. M.

JNº. BERRIEN, *Sec'y.*

Savannah, June 14, 1792.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 491. June 21, 1792.)

At an Anniversary Meeting of the State Society of the Cincinnati of the State of Georgia, held at Brown's Coffee-house, on Wednesday the 4th July, 1792, the following Members were elected Officers for the ensuing year, viz.

The Hon. Capt. James Gunn, President.
Major John Habersham, Vice President.
Dr. James B. Sharpe, Secretary.
Col. Richard Wylly, Treasurer.
Ensign Charles Jackson, Assistant Secretary.
Lieut. Ebenezer Jackson, Assistant Treasurer.
Major John Berrien,
Major Nathaniel Pendleton,
Lieut. John P. Ward,
Dr. Goodwin Wilson,
Major John Habersham, } Standing Committee.
Dr. James B. Sharpe,
Dr. Benjamin Tetard, } Stewards.

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The Society dined together, and spent the day with their accustomed conviviality.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 494. July 12, 1792.)

Savannah, October 1. 1792

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting you a Resolve of the Cincinnati Society of the State of Georgia, by which I am directed to remit you, thirty three dollars & fifteen Cents which sum you will find inclosed in a draught on Mr George Meade of Philadelphia.

I have the honor to be Sir

Very respectfully
Your most obedient Servant
Richd Wylly Treasurer

Henry Knox Esquire
Secretary of the General Society of Cincinnati

Endorsed: Savannah, 1 Oct. 1792 From Richd Wylly—Treasurer—Georgia Society—Transmitting—a resolve of the Society, and draft for the payment of *33 dol. & 15 Cents*, on L'Enfant's claim.

(Cinc. Soc. Archives.)

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Cincinnati Society.

July 4. 1792.

Resolved, That altho this State Society did not receive any of the Eagles brought from France by Major L'Enfant, yet as the Marquiss de la Fayette advanced the Money for the Honor of the whole Society, therefore that the sum of thirty three dollars and fifteen cents ought to be paid by this society to the Secretary of the General Society being our quota of the money advanced in France, and that the Treasurer of this State Society take the earliest safe opportunity to remit the same to the Secretary General out of the Funds in his hands.

True Copy.

Ja. B. Sharpe. Secy

Endorsed: Resolve of Georgia Society. July 4. 1792.

(Cinc. Soc. Archives.)

CINCINNATI.

A QUARTERLY Meeting of the State Society of the Cincinnati of the State of Georgia will be held at Brown's Coffeehouse on Tuesday the 16th instant. The Members are desired to be punctual in their attendance at 9 o'clock A. M.

JA. B. SHARPE, *Sec'y.*

(Ga. Gazette. No. 506. Oct. 4, 1792. Repeated in No. 507.)

CINCINNATI.

AN ANNIVERSARY MEETING of the State Society of the Cincinnati of Georgia will be held at Brown's Coffeehouse, in the city of Savannah, on Thursday the 4th of July next, when it is expected the Members will be particular in their attendance at 11 o'clock A. M. By order of the President.

J. B. SHARPE, Secretary.

June 26, 1793.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 544. June 27, 1793.)

Savannah 8th. July 1793.—

Sir,

I do myself the honor to transmit you the List of Officers that were elected on the 4th. July Instant, for the Society of the Cincinnati established in this State—

and am with respect,

Your most obt. servant

Ja. B. Sharpe. Secry.

Cincinnati, State Society of Georgia.

The Honble. Major Nathaniel Pendleton, President
Major John Berrien, Vice President
Doct. James B. Sharpe, Secretary
Col. Richard Wylly, Treasurer
James Jordan, esquire, Assist. Secretary
Lieut. Ebenezer Jackson, Asst. Treasr.
Major William Brown, James Jordan esquire } Stewards
Major John Habersham, Lieut. John P. Ward, Doct. Goodwin Wilson, Lieut. Benjamin Lloyd, Lieut. Edward Lloyd } Standing Committee

Extract from the minutes

Ja. B. Sharpe. Secry.

The Secry. of the State Society of the Cincinnati—Maryland—

(Maryland Cinc. Soc. Archives.)

The FOURTH of JULY. . . . The Artillery Company dined at the Court-House; and the Governor, Gen. Twiggs, his Aids and other Officers with strangers were their guests—several Officers of rank were necessarily not of this company, being of the Order of the Cincinnati who dined together and had the State-Officers with them. . . .

The following toasts were drank in the Society of the Cincinnati:

The Day.
The United States.
The memory of those brave heroes who fell in defence of liberty.
The state of Georgia.
The Governor.
The 17th of October 1777.
6th of February, 1778.
17th of January, 1781.
19th of October, 1781.
Our brethren of the soldiery of the late army.
Gen. Wayne and the troops of the United States.
The memory of Gen. Greene.

(Augusta Chronicle. VII. No. 352. July 6, 1793.)

And the members of the Society of Cincinnati dined together at the Academy [July 4, 1793].

(Southern Centinel and Universal Gazette (Augusta). I. No. 6, July 11, 1793.)

CINCINNATI.

The Members of the Society of the Cincinnati of Georgia are desired to attend a Quarterly Meeting, to be held on Wednesday the 16th instant, at Brown's Coffeehouse, at 10 o'clock A. M. when proceedings of the General Society will be laid before them.

By Order of the President,
JA. B. SHARPE, Secretary.

Savannah, October 9, 1793.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 559. Oct. 10, 1793.)

CINCINNATI.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the State Society of Cincinnati, of Georgia, will be held at Brown's Coffee-house, on Friday, the 3d of January next, precisely at 11 o'clock, when matters of consequence will be laid before them.

Dinner to be on the table at 3 o'clock.

By order of the President,
JAMES B. SHARPE, Secretary.

Savannah, Dec. 30, 1793.

(Georgia Journal and Independent Federal Register (Augusta). I. No. 5. Dec. 18, 1793.)

By desire of the Cincinnati, on Sunday next will be delivered, by the Rev. Mr. Boyd, a discourse on the lamentable event, that deprived the society of a worthy member, Major Forsyth, marshal of the state, and slain in the execution of the duties of his office.

(Augusta Chronicle. VIII. No. 383. Feb. 8, 1794.)

CINCINNATI.

THE Members of the State Society of Cincinnati of Georgia are requested to attend the ANNIVERSARY MEETING, on the 4th July next, at the Filature, at 10 o'clock in the morning. Dinner will be on table at 3 o'clock.

By order of the President,
JA. B. SHARPE, Sec'ry.

June 23, 1794.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 596. June 26, 1794. Repeated in No. 597.)

At an Anniversary Meeting of the Society of Cincinnati of the State of Georgia, held at the Filature in the city of Savannah, July 4th, 1794, the following Officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.

The Hon. Col. Joseph Habersham, *President;*
Major John Berrien, *Vice President;*
Dr. James B. Sharpe, *Secretary;*
Col. Richard Wylly, *Treasurer;*
James Jordan, Esq. *Assistant Secretary;*
Lieut. Benjamin Lloyd, *Assistant Treasurer;*

Capt. Edward White,
Ensign Charles Jackson,
} *Stewards;*

Major John Habersham,
Major John C. Smith,
Dr. Goodwin Wilson,
Lieut. Ebenezer Jackson,
Lieut. Edward Lloyd,
} *Standing Committee.*

The Society dined together, and spent the day in mirth and harmony.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 598. July 10, 1794.)

Savannah July. 16. 1794.

Sir,

The Independence of the United States was celebrated by the Society of Cincinnati of this State at their Anniversary Meeting on the 4th. July prst.

The Society had no other business before them than the proceedings of the General Meeting of 1793. A special committee was appointed consisting of Five Members to report thereon at their quarterly meeting the 16th. October ensuing.

Agreeable to the Institution I add the name of the officers for the current year as elected on that day.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedt. Sert.
Ja. B. Sharpe.

The Secretary of the Cincinnati of Maryland.

Officers elected July 4. 1794.

The Hon. Colo. Joseph Habersham, President
Major John Berrien, Vice President
Dr. James B. Sharpe, Secretary

Colo. Richard Wylly, Treasurer
James Jordan, esq. Assistant Secretary
Lieut. Benj. Lloyd, Assistant Treasurer
Capt. Edward White, Ensign Charles Jackson—Stewards
Major John Habersham, Major John C. Smith, Dr. Goodwin Wilson, Lieut. Ebenezer Jackson, Lieut. Edward Lloyd —Standing Committee.

(Maryland Cinc. Soc. Archives.)

CINCINNATI.

THE Members of the State Society of CINCINNATI of Georgia are requested to attend a Quarterly Meeting thereof, at the Filature, on Thursday the 16th instant, at 11 o'clock.

By order of the President.

JA. B. SHARPE, Secretary.

Savannah, October 1, 1794.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 610. Oct. 2, 1794. Repeated in No. 611.)

CINCINNATI.

A QUARTERLY Meeting of the State Society of Cincinnati of Georgia will be held at the Filature, on Saturday the 3d day of January next, where the Members are requested to attend at ten o'clock A. M. for dispatch of business.

By order of the President,

JA. B. SHARPE, Sec'y.

Savannah, December 16, 1794.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 621. Dec. 18, 1794. Repeated in Nos. 622 and 623.)

Cincinnati.

A QUARTERLY Meeting of the State Society of Cincinnati of Georgia will be held, on Monday the 20th instant, at the Filature, where the Members are requested to attend, at 11 o'clock A. M. for dispatch of business.

By order of the President,

JA. B. SHARPE, Sec'ry.

Savannah, April 8, 1795.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 637. April 9, 1795. Repeated in No. 638.)

CINCINNATI.

A QUARTERLY Meeting of the State Society of Cincinnati of Georgia will be held, on Saturday the 4th instant, at the Filature, where the Members are requested to attend, at 11 o'clock A. M. for dispatch of business.

By order of the President,

J. JORDAN, Sec'ry [*sic*].

Savannah, July 1, 1795.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 649. July 2, 1795.)

AT an ANNIVERSARY MEETING of the State Society of CINCINNATI of GEORGIA, held at the Merchants and Planters Coffeehouse in Savannah, on Saturday the 4th July, 1795, the following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Hon. Major John Berrien, *President;*
Hon. Major Nathaniel Pendleton, *Vice President;*
Dr. James B. Sharpe, *Secretary;*
Col. Richard Wylly, *Treasurer;*
James Jordan, Esq. *Assistant Secretary;*
Lieut. Benjamin Lloyd, *Assistant Treasurer;*
Capt. Edward White,
Ensign Charles Jackson, } Stewards.

The Standing Committee for last year were reelected.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 650. July 9, 1795.)

Savannah, Georgia 25th. July 1795—

Sir,

I have the Honor herewith to transmit to you the names of the officers elected on the 4th. day of July instant, in the Society of the Cincinnati of this State.

I am Sir, Your most Obedient

J. Jordan,
Asst. Secry.

To the Secretary of the Society of Cincinnati, Maryland.—

Major John Berrien, Presdt.
Major Nath. Pendleton, Vice Presdt.
Doct. James B. Sharpe, Secry.
Col. Richard Wylly, Treasurer
James Jordan—Asst. Secry.

Lieut. Benj. Lloyd—Asst. Treasr.
Capt. E. White
Ensgn. Chs. Jackson } Stewards

Standing Committee.

Major John Habersham, Major John C. Smith, Lieut. Eben. Jackson, Lieut. Edwd. Lloyd, Doct. Goodwin Wilson.

(Maryland Cinc. Soc. Archives.)

CINCINNATI.

A Quarterly Meeting of the State Society of Cincinnati of Georgia will be held at the Merchants and Planters Coffeehouse, on Friday the 16th of October next, at ten o'clock in the morning.

By order of the President,
J. JORDAN, Assistant Secretary.

22*d Sept.* 1795.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 661. Sept. 24, 1795. Repeated in Nos. 662, 663, and 664.)

CINCINNATI.

A Quarterly Meeting of the State Society of Cincinnati of Georgia will be held at the Merchants and Planters Coffeehouse, on Tuesday the 19th day of April next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

By order of the President,
J. Jordan, Assistant Secretary.

22*d March,* 1796.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 687. March 24, 1796. Repeated in Nos. 688, 689, and 690.)

There is an account in the Georgia Gazette (No. 848. January 23, 1800) of the services held on January 19, at Savannah, in memory of General Washington. In the procession "The Cincinnati, and other officers of the late war, in mourning," followed the "Magistrates of the city and county," and preceded the "Consuls of different nations."

The Members of the State Society of the Cincinnati of Georgia are informed, that a meeting of the society is particularly requested, at major Brown's coffee-house in

Savannah, on Thursday the 20th of this month, at 11 o'clock, when business extremely interesting will be laid before them. It is hoped and expected that the members will avail themselves of this notification, and give their attendance.

JOHN BERRIEN, president.

February 8, 1800.

(Ga. Gazette. No. 851. Feb. 13, 1800. Repeated in No. 852.)

(The numbers of the Georgia Gazette between November 24, 1796, and September 2, 1797, are missing from the files of this paper in the Georgia Historical Society. No references to the Society were found in the Gazette after February 13, 1800.)

At a meeting of the Cincinnati Society, on the 2d instant, the following Gentlemen were chosen officers for the ensuing year:

Gen. John T. McIntosh, President; John M. Berrien, Vice President; John F. Lord, Treasurer; Joseph C. Habersham, Secretary.

(Georgian (Savannah). March 5, 1822.)

Funds of the State Societies of the Cincinnati in relation to the General Society, with particular reference to the Georgia Society.

In 1901 or 1902 Mr. Thomas Savage Clay, Attorney and Acting Treasurer of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Georgia, sent a circular letter "to the Officers of the General Society, the Members of the Standing Executive Committee, Delegates and Alternates of the State Societies of the Cincinnati," in connection with the application of the Georgia Society for final recognition. In this he printed extracts from the Proceedings of the General Society "bearing upon the matter of the remaining permanent fund" of the Georgia Society. To these extracts have been added further material copied from the Archives of the General Society. Quotations from the Proceedings have been compared with the edition prepared for publication by the then Secretary General, Mr. John C. Daves, and volume and page references have been assigned.

PHILADELPHIA, MAY 5th, 1791.

The committee appointed yesterday relative to the funds presented a report, which, being read and amended, was accepted; whereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this extra general meeting that it would be expedient for the State Societies to take proper measures for obtaining acts of incorporation, so far as may relate to securing to each State Society, respectively, their funds for the charitable objects for which they were designed; and that the proper mode of disposing of the same would be by loaning their certificates in the loan offices of their States respectively, and of subscribing their funds, wherever it may be convenient, to the Bank of the United States.

(Proceedings, I. 49.)

PHILADELPHIA, NOVEMBER 28th, 1844.

Resolved, That Col. Joseph Scott, the treasurer general, be authorized to take such measures as he may deem necessary to recover any sum of money due to this Society at any of the public offices in the city of Washington.

(Proceedings, I. 88.)

Washington
22d Febr 45

Sir,

I am informed that there is a certain amount of money standing to the credit of the *Cincinnati Society of the State of Georgia*, on the books of the Treasury, and that application has been made by the Society of the State of New York for the payment of it to that as the parent Society—

As a member of the State Society of Georgia, by whom these funds were contributed for the benefit of their own members, I ask to be informed on this Subject, and that time will be allowed to present the claim of that Society.

Oblige me by an answer

I am very Respectfully
Yr Obedt
Jno Macpherson Berrien

To
Thomas L. Smith Esqr
Register of the Treasury

(Cinc. Soc. Archives.)

In a copy of a letter of October 6, 1845, from A. W. Johnston, Secretary General, to Major William Popham, President General, he writes: "On the 17th June last I addressed a circular to the following State Societies of the Cincinnati . . . calling attention to the contemplated celebration in New York on the 28th Nov. next and requesting a compliance therewith."

The Georgia State Society foots the list. Mr. Johnston mentions that he has had no reply from it, nor from the New Jersey Society.

(Cinc. Soc. Archives.)

In a letter from J. W. Scott, Treasurer General, to A. W. Johnston, Secretary General, dated New Brunswick, June 12, 1848, he writes: "From connecticut we have nothing to expect. The Virginia & Delaware Societies have committed formal & voluntary suicide and from N. Carolina I have the same account. So that Georgia, S. Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island & Massachusetts are all that remain."

(Cinc. Soc. Archives.)

PHILADELPHIA, NOVEMBER 29th, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Glentworth, it was resolved that Mr. C. J. Coltman, now residing in Washington, be authorized to collect the balance due to the Cincinnati, as reported by the treasurer-general.

(Proceedings, I. 94.)

PHILADELPHIA, NOVEMBER 30th, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Markland, seconded by Colonel Scott, it was resolved that the chairman appoint three trustees, of whom the treasurer-general for the time being shall be one, in whose joint names all investments of the funds of the General Society shall be made, and who shall change or transfer such investments to their successors or otherwise, as the Society shall from time to time direct.

(Proceedings, I. 96.)

The treasurer-general made a communication respecting the sum to the credit of the Cincinnati, on the books of the Treasury of the United States: which subject was referred to him by the meeting of the Society in 1844.

Mr. Daveis, appointed in 1848 to act conjointly on this affair, was authorized to make a written report on the subject, to be put on the minutes.

(This report was not received when the minutes were printed.)*

* The report is given beyond.

The vice-president-general read a letter just received by him from Elisha Whittlesey, Esq., Comptroller of the Treasury of the United States, stating that the amount to the credit of the Cincinnati would be paid to the Society, on condition that a bond should be executed by two persons satisfactory to the Comptroller.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Markland, the treasurer-general, assistant treasurer-general, and Governor Fish, were appointed a committee on the communication from the Comptroller of the Treasury, to perform what may be required to obtain from the Treasury the funds there to the credit of the Society, and to report such measures as they may deem expedient for the Society to adopt in relation to said funds.

The committee reported that they had filled up the bonds, of which the form was furnished by the Comptroller of the Treasury, with the names of the treasurer-general, Hon. Hamilton Fish, and John H. Markland, Esq., which report, with the following four resolutions were adopted.

1. *Resolved*, That Colonel Joseph W. Scott, treasurer-general of this Society, be authorized to receive payment of the following certificates and interest thereon, now credited in the books of the Treasury of the United States in the name of the Cincinnati Society, (the same having been heretofore credited on the Loan Office books for the State of Georgia, and not having been applied for was returned as unclaimed and became payable at the Treasury agreeable to the rules for that purpose prescribed). viz.:

The final dividend due 1st October, 1818, on $890.00 old 6 per cent. stock,	$ 13 28
The final dividend due 1st October, 1824, on $445.00 deferred 6 per cent. stock,	6 63
The amount of one 3 per cent. certificate, payable in	570 70
Unclaimed interest and principal returned unclaimed	1,101 48
	$1,692 09

and to give requisite vouchers for the same.

2. *Resolved,* That the treasurer-general, on receipt of the money aforesaid, shall pay and transfer the same to the trustees appointed by resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Society to be by them invested agreeable to that resolution.

3. *Whereas* the treasurer-general, Hon. Hamilton Fish, and John H. Markland, Esq., have consented to enter into the bond required to be given for the foregoing moneys, therefore, *Resolved,* That the Society hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless the obligors in the said bond named from all liability incurred by them by reason thereof, and pledge the faith of the Society therefor.

4. *Resolved,* That the interest arising upon the investment of the moneys to be received under the foregoing resolutions shall be applied as the same shall accrue and become paid, to the formation of a sinking fund, for the purpose of paying the debts now due and owing by the Society; and that the treasurer-general and assistant treasurer-general be authorized to audit the accounts against the Society in favor of the secretary-general and assistant secretary-general, and to ascertain the amounts due to them respectively: and that the sums due to those officers, and also the balance this day reported to be due from the Society to the treasurer-general, be paid from the sinking fund, *pro rata,* as the said interests shall be received.

(Proceedings, I. 104-105.)

BALTIMORE, MAY 17th, 1854.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER GENERAL TO THE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI.

"In obedience to the order of the Society, at their meeting in the city of New York, in May, 1851, and very shortly after that meeting, I went to Washington to claim and receive the amount due us from the Treasury of the United States, and did reecive the sum of sixteen hundred and ninety-one dollars and eight [*sic*] cents, in two entirely different parcels, one of which was in cash, and the other was by a draft on the Mint at Philadelphia.

"Returning to Philadelphia, I called immediately on Mr. Markland, and learned the unwelcome intelligence that Mr. Johnson was exceedingly indisposed. We concluded, therefore, after having received from the Mint the amount of the draft, to proceed to make the investment directed by the Society, in the joint names of three trustees, as directed by order of the Society."

(Proceedings, I. 119.)

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Extract of circular of the Treasury Department, dated July 3rd, 1843, showing the conditions under which the fund of the Georgia of the Cincinnati was turned over to the general Society the Cincinnati.

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An instrument in writing to be signed by the applicant, with two sureties, reciting the particulars hereinbefore specified, by which such applicant and his sureties shall jointly and severally agree to pay to any person who may establish a valid claim to the certificate, draft, or note, so alleged to have been lost or destroyed, the full value thereof on demand, with interest until paid, and also to pay to the United States any sum which shall appear to have been erroneously paid to such claimant pursuant to the said application, with interest until paid. Such instrument is to be executed in the presence of a Judge, or District Attorney of the United States, or a Judge of a Supreme or

Superior Court of any State, by whom the sufficiency of the sureties in double the amount claimed, must be certified.

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Extract from the "Report of Charles S. Daveis on amount obtained from Treasury of the United States pursuant to vote of 1848."

Mr. Daveis reports that he "made personal application at the Treasury Department & learnt that a difficulty arose from a doubt whether the money did not more properly belong to the Georgia State Society, in whose behalf a claim is understood to have been interposed by the Hon. M^{r} Berrien of that State. Viewing the subject as one on which there should be no question of that kind between the General & the State Society, the undersigned addressed himself in the first instance to M^{r} Berrien, who accompanied him to the Department, & had an interview with the Comptroller . . . The result was an assurance from M^{r} Berrien that upon his return to Georgia he would examine into the subject, & inquire into the state of the Georgia Society, & see whether if in existence it would be of any consequence to insist upon their claim—if not, that he would not oppose the claim of the General Society. Finding there was no power, or disposition in the remaining members, or officers of the Georgia Society, to revive it, M^{r} Berrien wrote . . . declining to act with the Committee for receiving the money on the part of the General Society, but saying that he would not further interpose against the claim of the General Society. . . ."

(Cinc. Soc. Archives.)

Rockingham, near Clarkesville Geo
15th Sept '49

My dear Sir

In looking over a bundle of letters, I find yours of the 17th July last. I intended to answer it at the moment of its receipt, and am under the impression that I did so, but I find no indorsement to confirm my impression, and prefer the risk of troubling you with a second letter rather than to be guilty of the discovery of omitting to reply.

In doing this, I said, or intended to say that I had not been able to discover among the representatives of the

members of the Cincinnati in Georgia, any disposition to revive the Society, and that I would not consequently interpose any barrier to the withdrawal of the fund at Washington, standing at the credit of the State Society of Georgia, but that as a citizen of that State, and as a member of that Society, to whome alone in my opinion it belongs, I could not consent to be a recipient of it for the purpose of transferring it to the General Society.

I am dear Sir
Very Respectfully Yrs
JNO MACPHERSON BERRIEN

Charles S. Daveis Esqr

(Cinc. Soc. Archives.)

Treasury Department,
Office of the Secretary,
Washington, May 8th, 1901.

Mr. Thomas Savage Clay,
107 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:—

In reply to your letter of the 25th ultimo, relative to the payment made to the General Society of the Cincinnati, I have to state that the amount was made up as follows:

Final Dividend on $890 6% stock	$ 13.28
Final dividend on $445 deferred 6% stock	6.63
Certificate 3% stock, paid in full	570.70
Unclaimed dividends on the above stocks	1,101.48
	$1,692.09

The above amount of unclaimed dividends appears to have been made up as follows:

Unclaimed dividends on 6% stock	$ 413.85
" " deferred 6% stock	378.04
" " 3% stock	309.59
	$1,101.48

The act of Congress creating the 6% and deferred 6% stocks of 1790 provided for their redemption by annual payments on the principal, which provision is stated upon the face of the certificates.

The payment by the Treasury, therefore, to the Treasurer General of the Society of the Cincinnati of $1,101.48, appears to have been payment in full of balance of principal and interest due on the several stocks above enumerated; which is contained in the payment of $1,629.09, in full of all the moneys deposited with the United States by the Georgia Society of the Cincinnati.

There is no record of any other investment by the Georgia Society than the several stocks above described.

Respectfully,

Chas. H. Miller,
Acting Chief of Division of
Bookkeeping and Warrants.

LIST OF OFFICERS

Presidents

1783 Brig. Gen. Lachlan McIntosh, elected August 14.
1784 Re-elected July 4.
1785 Re-elected
1786 Re-elected; signs call for meeting on March 5, 1787.
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1789 Major-Gen. Anthony Wayne, elected July 4.
1790 Re-elected July 5.
1791 Re-elected July 4.
1792 Capt. James Gunn, elected July 4.
1793 Major Nathaniel Pendleton, elected July 4.
1794 Col. Joseph Habersham, elected July 4.
1795 Major John Berrien, elected July 4.
1796 Re-elected
1797 Re-elected
1798 Re-elected
1799 Re-elected; signs call for meeting February 20, 1800.
1822 John T. McIntosh, elected March 2.
1899 William Neyle Habersham, elected March 4.
1902 Walter Glasco Charlton, elected April 14.
1917 George Francis Tennille, elected February 22.
1928 George Noble Jones, elected February 22.

Vice-Presidents

1783 Col. Samuel Elbert, elected August 14.
1784 Re-elected
1785 Re-elected
1786 Re-elected July 4.
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1789 Major William Pierce, elected July 4.
1790 Col. John McIntosh, elected July 5.
1791 Capt. James Gunn, elected July 4.
1792 Major John Habersham, elected July 4.
1793 Major John Berrien, elected July 4.
1794 Re-elected July 4.
1795 Major Nathaniel Pendleton, elected July 4.
1822 John Macpherson Berrien, elected March 2.
1903 William Hall Milton, elected February 23.

1925 George Noble Jones, elected February 23.
1928 Walter Charlton Hartridge, elected February 22.
1933 William Law Clay, elected February 22.

Secretaries

1783 Capt. John Milton, elected August 14.
1784 Re-elected
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1786 Major John Habersham, elected July 4.
1787 Re-elected
1788 Re-elected July 4.
1789 Re-elected July 4.
1790 Major John Berrien, elected July 5.
1791 Re-elected July 4.
1792 Dr. James Boyd Sharpe, elected July 4.
1793 Re-elected July 4.
1794 Re-elected July 4.
1795 Re-elected July 4.
1822 Dr. Joseph Clay Habersham, elected March 2.
1899 Walter Glasco Charlton, Secretary-Treasurer, elected March 4.
[1902 Alfred Dearing Harden, Acting Secretary, elected April 14.]
1902 George Noble Jones, elected July 4.
1905 George Anderson Mercer, elected February 22.
1906 George Francis Tennille, elected February 22.
1917 George Noble Jones, elected February 22.
1925 William Harden, elected February 23.
1930 Rev. Charles Colcock Jones Carpenter, elected February 23.

Assistant Secretaries

1783 None elected
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1786 Capt. Edward Cowan, elected July 4.
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1789 John Peter Ward, Esq., elected July 4.
1790 Dr. James Boyd Sharpe, elected July 5.
1791 Re-elected July 4.
1792 Ensign Charles Jackson, elected July 4.
1793 James Jordan, Esq., elected July 4.

1783 None elected
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1786 Capt. Edward Cowan, elected July 4.
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1789 John Peter Ward, Esq., elected July 4.
1790 Dr. James Boyd Sharpe, elected July 5.
1791 Re-elected July 4.
1792 Benjn Charles Jackson, elected July 4.
1793 James Jordan, Esq., elected July 4.

1794 Re-elected July 4.
1795 Re-elected July 4.
1902 William Harden, elected July 4.
1925 Walter Charlton Hartridge, elected February 23.
1928 George Anderson Mercer, elected February 22.

Treasurers

1783 Lieut.-Col. John McIntosh, elected August 14.
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1786 Major John Lucas, elected July 4.
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1789 Col. Richard Wylly, elected July 4.
1790 Re-elected July 5.
1791 Re-elected July 4.
1792 Re-elected July 4.
1793 Re-elected July 4.
1794 Re-elected July 4.
1795 Re-elected
1822 John F. Lord, elected March 2.
1899 Walter Glasco Charlton, Secretary-Treasurer, elected March 4.
1902 Francis Apthorp Foster, elected July 4.
1926 Harris Macleod King, elected February 22.

Assistant Treasurers

1783 Major John Habersham, elected August 14.
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1786 Capt. [*sic*] Edward Lloyd, elected July 4.
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1789 Edward Lloyd, Esq., [*sic*] elected July 4.
1790 Lieut, Edward Lloyd, elected July 5.
1791 Re-elected July 4.
1792 Lieut. Ebenezer Jackson, elected July 4.
1793 Re-elected July 4.
1794 Lieut. Benjamin Lloyd, elected July 4.
1795 Re-elected July 4.
1902 Thomas Savage Clay, elected July 4.

Chaplains

1783 Rev. John Holmes, elected
1904 Rev. Leighton Wilson Eckard, elected February 22.
1924 Rev. James McIntosh Longstreth Eckard, elected February 22.

Standing Committee

1783 Edward Cowan, Chairman, signs call for meeting on April 12, 1784.
1784 William Pierce, Chairman, signs call for meeting on October 4.
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1791 Standing Committee of last year continued.
1792 Major John Berrien
Major Nathaniel Pendleton
Lieut. John Peter Ward
Dr. Goodwin Wilson
Major John Habersham
1793 Major John Habersham
Lieut. John Peter Ward
Dr. Goodwin Wilson
Lieut. Benjamin Lloyd
Lieut. Edward Lloyd
1794 Major John Habersham
Major John C. Smith
Dr. Goodwin Wilson
Lieut. Ebenezer Jackson
Lieut. Edward Lloyd
1795 Re-elected July 4.

Stewards

1783
1784 Edward Lloyd, J. P. Wagnon* } sign call for meeting on October 16.
William Pierce, James Field } sign call for meetings of January 3 and April 19, 1785.

* Full name John Peter Wagnon.

1785 J. Brice† } sign call for meeting on April 19, 1786.
Job Pray }

1786 Major John Brice } elected July 4.
Capt. [*sic*] John Hiwill }

1787 Daniel McLane } sign call for meeting on
John Burrows } July 4, 1788.

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1791 Stewards of last year continued

1792 Dr. James B. Sharpe } elected July 4.
Dr. Benjamin Tetard }

1793 Major William Brown } elected July 4.
James Jordan, Esq. }

1794 Capt. Edward White } elected July 4.
Ensign Charles Jackson }

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Delegates

1784 Major Richard Call
Brig. Gen. Samuel Elbert
Major Benjamin Fishbourn } elected January 12.
Dr. James Houston
Major Lachlan McIntosh

1784 Major John Skey Eustace
Major John Lucas
Major Alexander Daniel Cuthbert } elected April 19.
Capt. James Field

1786 Major William Pierce
Major Nathaniel Pendleton
Major John Lucas
Major James Armstrong
Capt. John Sullivan

1790 Major Gen. Anthony Wayne
Brig. Gen. George Mathews } elected April 15.
Colonel James Gunn

† Full name Jacob Brice.

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